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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site**

Report Number: 8

Date: May 15, 2013

Report Period: January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013

Site: San Jacinto River Waste Pits (SJRWP), Harris County, Texas

Grant Recipient: Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF)

Recipient Group Representative: Scott Jones, Director of Advocacy

Technical Advisor: Jennifer Ronk, Houston Advanced Research Center, The Woodlands, Texas

Progress Achieved:

- GBF and HARC held the GBF/HARC Public Meeting on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits the evening of January 24th at the J.D. Walker Community Center in Baytown. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Given this turnout, the fact that new faces were in the crowd, and based on feedback, the meeting was successful in helping educate the public and stakeholders about the site cleanup and opportunities for public involvement. Subsequently, GBF and HARC updated the GBF webpage to include the meeting presentations, FAQs, and summary.

- GBF and HARC participated in the U.S. EPA-facilitated Community Awareness Committee Community meetings on January 24, 2013 and March 20, 2013. We contributed positively on ideas for honing messaging to the public related to the site such as TCRA vs. proposed plan for cleanup, historical use of the area in the time since the pits were abandoned, pathways of dioxin exposure, and human health risks.

- Further solidified our relationships with local media who regularly cover news about the SJRWP, namely reporters and editors from the *Baytown Sun* and the *Highlands Star-Crosby Courier*.

Materials Produced this Quarter:

- GBF updated the SJRWP webpage at http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrwp.html.

Difficulties Encountered:

- The Remedial Alternatives Memorandum, Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment, and Remedial Investigation Report were not provided as per the RP's schedule. We hope to receive them in the next quarter.

Environmental Results Progress Achieved (Outputs/Outcomes):

- GBF updated the SJRWP webpage at http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrwp.html with available information.

Activity Anticipated in Next Quarter:

- TA Technical Reviews of the Remedial Alternatives Memorandum, Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Report, Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment and Remedial Investigation Report. We are awaiting these documents from the RPs via the U.S. EPA.

- GBF and HARC continued participation in CAC and San Jacinto River Coalition meetings and an EPA Public meeting should it occur by the end of March 2013.

